IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

MONDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF AUGUST
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT

HON'BLE SRI DEVINDER GUPTA, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and
HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V.RAMULU

Taken up WRIT PETITION No. 585 of 2001

Between:

Sri B.Manohar
R/o 11-202,Sumithranagar,

Badwel, Cuddapah District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Chairman A.P. Transco, Govt of A.P
Hyderabad
2 The Chairman A.P. GENCO Govt of A.P
Hyderabad
3 The Director General of Police Govt .of A.P
Hyderabad
4 The Secretary to the Govt. of A.P Electricity Dept.
Secretariat Hyderabad
5 The Secretary to Govt. of A.P Home (Police) Dept
Secretariat Hyderabad

.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the petition sent by the petitioner herein dated 4-1-2001 the High Court will be pleased to issue order, direction, or a Writ, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus calling for records and remarks from the respondents herein and connected to losing of number of innocent lives due to snapping of electric wires on them throughout the state of A.P particularly in the Mahabubnagar District by directing the concerned authorities of the electricity department to take necessary steps to prevent snapping of electric wires to prevent unnecessary deaths of innocent people in the interest of justice and to pass such order or further orders as the Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

Counsel for the Petitioner :PETITION

Counsel for the Respondents: GP FOR IRRIGATION & COMM AREA DEV.

Govt. Pleader for Home & G.P. for Energy

Mr. Kanakamedala Ravinder Kumar

The Court made the following :

ORDER: (Per Hon'ble the Chief Justice)

This is a taken up petition on the basis of letter making a general complaint about the innocent lives being lost due to snapping of electric wires throughout the State of Andhra Pradesh particularly in Mahabubnagar district and seeking direction to the respondents to take necessary steps to prevent snapping of electric wires and to prevent unnecessary deaths.

On notice being issued, P.Narsa Reddy, Superintending Engineer (Operations),

Mahabubnagar, filed counter-affidavit stating the measures taken and about the reasons resulting in loss of innocent lives. It is stated that the snapping of electric wires is attributable to various factors such as overloading of the existing conductors, ageing of the conductors, and natural calamities. It is further stated that steps have been taken to improve the distribution system and to avoid as far as possible snapping of conductors due to known reasons.

Considering the affidavit in reply filed by the Superintending Engineer (Operations), Mahabubnagar, we are of the view that no further direction deserves to be issued in this petition. Writ Petition is therefore closed.

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DEVINDER GUPTA, C.J.

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09-08-2004 C.V.RAMULU, J

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To

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4 The Officer concerned, Public Interest Litigation Cell, High

Court buildings, Hyderabad.

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